

MINUTES
ADRIAN MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 10TH, 2023 AT 6:00PM
ADRIAN ANNEX, NORA BLVD., ADRIAN, GA. 31002

- I. **Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Smith** called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
- II. **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation by CM Yawn.** **CM Fountain** was not in attendance.
- III. **Adoption of Agenda: CM SHutchinson** made a motion to adopt the agenda. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. Motion carried by **CM Love** and **CM OHutchinson**. Motion passed. Agenda adopted.
- IV. **Announcements: None**
- V. **Public Speakers:**
 1. **Jason Bennett – EPA Grant:** Mr. Bennett mentioned the first time the grant was discussed. He brought up some errors on the application. The mayor said she would address the grant later on in the meeting.
- VI. **Adoption of Minutes: CM Yawn** made a motion to adopt the **June 12th minutes and executive minutes**. Motion seconded by **CM OHutchinson**. Motion carried by **CM Love** and **CM SHutchinson**.
- VII. **Reconciliations: Mayor Smith** stated that the **April & May 2023 Reconciliations** have been completed and the council has received them along with the **June Bank Statements**. They should receive the June reconciliations at the next meeting.
- VIII. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Playground Equipment-** **CM Love** stated that equipment has been delivered. She is looking for volunteers to help move the old equipment and install the new equipment.
 - b. **Nuisance Ordinance-** **Mayor Smith** stated that the nuisance ordinance has been online for a few months now and they have not received any feedback from citizens. **Mayor Smith** asked the council to review them for a final time and to hopefully vote on the ordinance at the next meeting.
 - c. **July 4th Update-** **Mayor Smith** said that everything at the event went well. Everything did better than the years before, the vendors, car show, parade, and fireworks. She stated that the Fire Department did a wonderful job. **CM Hutchinson** stated that there were 25 vendors this year and that more people attended than ever. She thanked everyone that helped with the event. **CM Love** stated that she felt it was the best event the city has had. She said the car show went well but she did have some contestants not show up because of the weather.
 - d. **EPA Grant-** **Mayor Smith** addressed the errors that were on the application. She stated that the grant worker said the mistakes on the application could be corrected and that she has submit the corrections so far. The mistakes the grant worker made on the application were the population and referencing the tractor repair shop as a saw mill. She stated that this grant was just part of the process and a step in the right direction.

- e. **Community Center Update- Mayor Smith** stated that the renovations are completed and the appliances are installed.

IX. New Business:

- a. **Dumpsters- Mayor Smith** stated that the dumpsters will be here from July 17th to July 28th. There will be one for limbs and one for household items.
- b. **Community Center- Mayor Smith** suggested to the council that they consider raising the price to rent the community center. The cost is currently \$125 (\$25 refund after). She suggested raising it to \$175 with a \$25 refund. They will discuss it further at the next meeting.
- c. **YOTM- Mayor Smith** announced that the June YOTM winner is Bruce Miller. The July YOTM winner is Sheila Jones.
- d. **Business License- Mayor Smith** had mentioned to the council about changing the fee of business licenses earlier in the year. She stated that she would like the council to make a decision on the cost whether it was just increasing to the price per business or changing it to the price per employee. They would discuss it at the next meeting.
- e. **Handicap Parking at City Hall- Mayor Smith** stated that the handicap parking at the new City Hall is a work in progress. The ramp was scheduled to start installation that morning but was postponed due to the weather. The spot would be to the left of the front door.
- f. **GMA Small Cities Conference- Mayor Smith** stated that the conference would be held on August 17th and 18th in Dublin. If any of the council was interested in attending they have been sent the link to register.
- g. **Grant Information Update- Mayor Smith** stated that she had a meeting on July 19th about finding more grants for the city.
- h. **Deputy Clerk-** will be discussed in executive session.
- i. **Police Officer-** will be discussed in executive session.

- X. Recess Regular Meeting: CM Yawn** made a motion to go out of regular session and into executive session at 6:25pm. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson** and **CM SHutchinson**.

XI. Executive Session: Personnel, Real Estate

- XII. Call Regular Meeting to order: CM Yawn** made a motion to go out of executive session and into regular session at 6:55pm. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson** and **CM SHutchinson**.

CM SHutchinson made a motion to reinstate Jennifer Roberts's employment. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson** and **CM Love**.

CM OHutchinson made a motion to move Michael Milton from part time to full time. Motion seconded by **CM Yawn**. Motion carried by **CM Love** and **CM SHutchinson**.

CM Yawn made a motion to increase Michael Milton's salary to \$15 per hour. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM SHutchinson** and **CM OHutchinson**.

XIII. Reports:

(1) Department Head Reports

- (A) Fire Department- Chief Yawn** reported that the department is doing well. They have some specialized training coming up soon. The firework show went well the other night. There was a full crowd and he is proud for the department.
- (B) Street/Water Department- CM Yawn** stated that they are trying to keep up with grass cutting. There have been some issues with a couple speed bumps and they are looking at a solution. There was a few ditches cleaned out recently and Shannon will be starting on the Knapp building when the weather clears up.
- (C) Police Department- Chief Strickland** reported that the department has been busy. There was a child abuse case recently and he asked for everyone to keep the family in their prayers. The LIDAR and speed trailer are set to ship next month. Dylan has started his training. Lastly he spoke about the Waymaker's group accepting donations for the back to school event and they will be having a teen night on August 5th.
- (D) Safety Department- CM Hutchinson** stated that their meeting will be on the 26th.
- (E) Recreation Department- CM Love** stated that they will be removing the old equipment at the playground and then level the area before getting the new equipment installed.

(2) Council Members

- (A) Suzanne Hutchinson-** nothing to report.
- (B) Jesse Yawn-** Spoke to the council about possibly turning the old city hall into a gym for the fire department and police department.
- (C) Michelle Love-** nothing to report.
- (D) Orweco Hutchinson-** nothing to report.
- (E) Robert Fountain Jr.-** not in attendance.

- (3) Mayor- Wynola Smith** stated that other cities are giving citizens a credit on their water bill as part of ARPA. **Mayor Smith** suggested a \$20 credit and asked the council their opinion. **CM SHutchinson** made a motion to give the citizens a \$20 credit on their water bill for one month and have it applied in September. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson** and **CM Yawn**.

- XIV. Adjournment:** **CM Yawn** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm. Motion seconded by **CM Love**. Motion carried by **CM OHutchinson** and **CM SHutchinson**. Meeting adjourned.